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Guest says CIA badge stolen at hotel

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A man who claims to work for

the Central Intelligence Agency told police that \$1,000, his CIA badge and "documents relating to government security" were stolen from his room at a Miami Beach Holiday Inn Saturday.

Paul H. Villarreal, 42, of Vienna, Va., said he left his fifth-floor room at 8701 Collins Ave. at 1 a.m. Saturday and returned at 10:15 p.m. His door was locked, he said, and a suspicious note had been left on his bed. A satchel, containing his money, papers and government credentials, was gone, he said.

The note, handwritten on a Holiday Inn letterhead, advised: "Dear Sir, When I came to clean your room (522), your door was not locked. Please double-check when you leave your room, to make sure it is locked. Thank you, Maid Mandy."

Miami Beach Police Officer Robert Marchionda wrote in his report on the burglary that he was unable to immediately verify if the hotel employs a maid named Mandy, or whether Villarreal "works for the CIA or not."

The officer did note that the self-described CIA man "acted normal in all other respects," and that Villarreal "seemed uncon-

cerned about the missing documents and cash, but did express concern that someone might use his missing credentials."

Villarreal could not be reached Sunday at the Holiday Inn.

At CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., an operator said she had no listing for Villarreal.

A duty officer said he was unable to confirm whether or not Villarreal works for the agency. "I couldn't tell you either way," he said.

CIA media relations chief Katherine Pherson said access to agency records is difficult on weekends. But even if that was not the case, she said, "Generally the policy of an intelligence organization is that we can't confirm or deny allegations of employment."

At the 224-room Holiday Inn on Sunday, housekeeper Helen Hatch did confirm that a woman named Mandy worked as a maid on Saturday.

Mandy, she said, is miffed. "She's upset," Hatch said. "She said, 'I don't like to be accused of something I didn't do.'"

Mandy told her, she said, that she found the door unlocked, left the note, locked the room and finished work at 4:30 p.m. She said she took nothing from the room.